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SRI T. PURUSHOTHAMA MUDALIAR :—" When the higher paid officers are paid this allowance, would it not be fair, and reasonable, Sir, if the Superintendents of the Secretariat who also take files home are granted some modest allowance, say a cycle allowance of Rs. 4 per mensem? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" This conveyance allowance for maintaining a fast conveyance does not bear comparison with what the hon. Member has proposed; I am more likely to cut this one out than increase in other directions."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAMA MUDALIAR :—" Would it not be possible to make some arrangement in the City Bus Service for taking the Government servants to the Secretariat and other public offices and back by at least providing them with monthly season tickets at concession rates? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" We shall take the suggestion of the hon. Member into consideration; I hope the hon. Member will support us when other people make a grievance of it."

Gorwala's Report on Public Administration.

* 11 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAMA MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a copy of Gorwala's Report on Public Administration (1951) was received for consideration by this State Government;

(*b*) what steps have been taken to improve the administrative machinery and methods in the light of the suggestions contained in Gorwala's Report; and

(*c*) what steps have been taken to avoid delay in the despatch of business in all departments of Government?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) A copy of the report was received by this Government.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Orders in respect of certain recommendations have already been issued. Other recommendations are under examination."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Will the Hon. the Chief Minister give details of the recommendations of the Gorwala Committee's Report? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is a long report and some suggestions have been published widely in the newspapers; its chief aim is to improve administrative efficiency. Some of the instructions would be quite confidential such as those concerning office work but other matters may be published as soon as the recommendations are accepted."

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SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that the Committee has recommended the appointment of tribunals in the case of charges against Ministers and if so, may I ask whether he has any proposal to appoint a tribunal to go into the charges made against Congress party Ministers by the hon. Sri Prakasam? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The Gorwala Committee Report is about improving administrative efficiency and in democracy Ministers would not come really under that kind of attack or defence and I do not think I have any such proposal in my mind. I would rather let the Minister go out quietly than hold enquiries about him."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Is the Hon. the Chief Minister aware that the Committee has recommended that Ministers should not accept hospitality from wealthy interests; may I know if that is being observed by the Ministers? It occurs on page 25 of the Report."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, it is a fundamental principle in political life that no one should get committed to doing favours to others and we are following that principle and perhaps I am following it with a certain amount of rigorousness but we cannot afford, in the democracy, to be impolite to friends."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that the question of politeness was also dealt with in the Report? May I know whether the Chief Minister has instructed his Cabinet colleagues not to accept hospitality from wealthy interests and if so, will he explain why a Cabinet Minister attended a tea party given by a cinema owner in Madras City?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is not a case of accepting hospitality but it is a case of getting into touch with all kinds of interests within the State."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Does the Hon. the Chief Minister mean that the only way to be in touch with all kinds of interests is to accept invitations to tea parties, dinner parties and garden parties given by wealthy interests? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is not the only way. I can carry on a debate on this; it is not the only way; there are many ways of getting into touch, the sweet way, the bitter way, the formal way and the informal way also."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Am I to take it that the Hon. the Chief Minister justifies a Cabinet Minister opening a cinema theatre and attending and taking part in a tea party? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I would not do it and my not doing it is a sufficient deterrant."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Will the Hon. the Chief Minister instruct the other Ministers to follow his example? "

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I do not find any necessity to instruct my colleagues who are doing very well as far as I can understand, and even now they refuse on as many occasions as possible and I do not know if I should be, if I may so say, too squeamish about these things."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" May I know, Sir, if the Gorwala Committee Report has gone into the waste-paper basket so far as this State Government is concerned? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, it has not gone into the waste-paper basket; the report is too big in quality as well as in quantity to go into it. There are many good things in it just as there are many things in it which may probably be ignored. The report, I wish to tell the hon. Member, is not a political document and it was originally intended for improving administrative efficiency. Democracy is a little far away from Mr. Gorwala's experience."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" May I know whether in the Gorwala Committee's Report, the Chapter on Integrity applies only to others but not to Ministers? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I do not think I will carry on a debate."

SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY :—" May I know from the Hon. the Chief Minister if he cannot take any other action against any Minister if he is found guilty except that he should resign; does it mean that he should go scotfree and not be subject to any process such as impeachment or trial by a tribunal? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Not at all, Sir. If a Minister or any person is guilty of any offence, he must be subject to some trial suitable for such a case and such type of case."

Alleged speech of the Finance Minister at Coimbatore re: assignment of lands to political sufferers.

* 12 *Q.*—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) (1) whether, on or about 1st May 1952, the Hon. the Minister for Finance expressed in his speech at Coimbatore the view that, as regards assignment of lands to political sufferers, it was wrong in principle for a party to favour its followers in this manner; and

(2) whether he announced in the same speech that the question of transferring lands already allotted to well-to-do political sufferers was engaging the attention of the Government; and

(*b*) whether the Government have accepted it as their policy that it was wrong for a party in power to favour its followers by assigning lands, and if so, what concrete action has been taken by the Government to implement this policy?